

Humanity and Religion

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The Big Debate

- Often people debate if religion comes first or the humanity...
- The contemporary liberals argue in favor of Humanity without religion
- The wise know that Islam [faith] is the basis of Humanity
- Follow through the end to develop reasoning




The Concept of Humanity in Islam

- We [Allah Almighty] created humans in the best design; Then turned them into the lowliest of the lowly; Except those who have faith and lead a righteous life; they [shall] receive a reward that is well deserved. [Surah At-Tin, Ayat 4-5-6]
- Essential Traits of a Human-being
 - Faith [Ema'an]
 - Behavior [Ama'al]

Faith

“To have faith [conviction] in Allah Almighty alone [being the Rub and worthy of worshiping], His Angels, His revelations [scriptures], His Prophets [Nabi and Rasul], the Day of Judgement, and Qadar [that all good or bad in the world is ordered by Allah the Dignified], and in the revival after death”.

[Surah 2 Verse 177, Surah 54 Verse 49, Surah 4 Verse 136]



“To have faith [conviction] in Allah Almighty alone as reflected and understood by His names and attributes [taught by Himself], and I accept His commands by pledging with my tongue and testifying with my heart [and actions].”

Behavior

To acknowledge and fulfill Allah's rights



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To acknowledge and fulfill other humans' rights

To acknowledge and fulfill my rights



Humanity without Religion

- The concept of Humanity without religion is restricted to Human-to-Human relations only, which is just 1/3rd of true humanity
- Paradoxically, here the emphasis is reduced to;
 - Voluntary behaviors of kindness [favors]
 - Charity, social responsibility, etc.
 - Compensatory behaviors
 - Compensate to the victims of own deliberate actions
 - Pseudo behaviors [Hawthorne Syndrome]
 - Show concern, use polite language, be well mannered.